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HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-25 Building Date: ca. 1820, 1830's 1940

Building Name: Prospect Hill

Location: 11501 Old Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

Prospect Hill consists of a complex of early buildings located on the grounds of a golf course. The buildings include a complex dwelling and two fine early outbuildings: a large gable-roof barn and an ice house. The dwelling house is built in three parts, consisting of a brick main block attached to a lower gambrel-roof frame dwelling by means of a twostory gable-roof frame hyphen. The main block is two-and-one-half stories high, and side-gabled, built of brick painted white. There are principal entrances in the center bay of both the north and south facades, each dominated by a two-story portico. Double flush chimneys rise at each of the east and west gable ends; at its east gable end, the main block is connected, by means of a two-story frame structure, to an older gambrel-roof frame dwelling. The gambrel-roof structure is two-and-one-halfstories high, with its ridge running at right angles to that of the main block; its wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding. of the house is an early gable-roof barn; it consists of an older central section to which have been added flanking shed-roof wings. Southeast of the barn is a gable-roof ice-house; its stone foundation is built into a slope.

<u>Significance:</u>

Prospect Hill consists of an unusual collection of early farm buildings including a complex dwelling rebuilt in this century, an early tobacco barn, and contemporary ice house. The plantation was developed by George W. Duvall whose wife inherited the property from her father. It is probable that the Duvalls lived in the gambrel-roof section after their marriage in 1820, and that the brick dwelling, originally of side-halland-double-parlor plan, was built soon afterward. Prospect Hill remained in the Duvall family until 1869; after ownership by the Meakin and Taft families, it became the home from 1905 to 1922 of William A. Linthicum. In 1940, under the ownership of the Brazelton family, a large-scale renovation was undertaken. The brick walls were rebuilt, relocating the entrances in the center bays of the north and south facades; flush chimneys and a Palladian-type window were added. On each of the main north and south facades, a two-story portico was erected, giving the building a Neo-Classical appearance. In 1955, the farm was sold to the Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club; it is now a visible landmark in an attractive setting. The dwelling is an interesting example of sequential domestic construction; the tobacco barn and the ice house are excellent and rare surviving examples of early nineteenth-century farm buildings.

Acreage: 125.8 acres (1.52 acre environmental setting)

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Prospect Hill consists of a complex of early buildings which are located on a high point of land overlooking gently rolling grounds currently used as a golf course. The buildings include a large side-gabled house to which is connected a lower gambrel-roof dwelling; three early outbuildings, which include a large gable-roof barn, an ice house set into the ground near the barn, and a small square brick smokehouse close to the house; and finally a modest tenant house and an "overseer's house" recently modernized and converted into an apartment.

The dwelling house is large and complex; it is built in three parts, consisting of a two-and-one-half-story brick main block attached to a lower gambrel-roof frame dwelling by means of a two-story gable-roof frame connecting hyphen. The main block is two-and-one-half stories high, and side-gabled, built of brick painted white. It is three bays by three and roughly square. There are principal entrances in the center bay of both the north and south facades, but anomalies in the brickwork suggest that the entrances were originally in the westerly bays of these facades. Each of the facades is now dominated by a two-story portico supported by four tall square panelled posts with molded capitals and bases. The north facade fronts toward the barn, parking.lot, and greens. The principal north door has six panels; it has a semi-elliptical fanlight of 16 sections, and six-pane sidelights. This door is now glass-enclosed by a semioctagonal storm vestibule, which is surmounted by a plain frieze and molded cornice above which is a small balcony bounded by a low balustrade of turned posts. This vestibule is sheltered by the north portico, whose tall panelled posts support a plain frieze and molded cornice, and rest on a brick floor. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, with narrow molded surrounds and have no shutters. As noted above, anomalies in the brickwork suggest that the entrance was originally in the third (west) bay.

The south facade of the main block fronts on a paved terrace bounded by iron railings. The entrance is in the central bay, but opens four steps above grade level and is accessible by a set of double (lateral) brick steps bounded by iron railing. The door itself has six panels, panelled jambs and soffit, and is framed by a two-step molded surround. Above the door molding, evidence of the original window is apparent in the brickwork; the splayed flat arch which surmounted the original window survives in the brickwork two courses above the door molding. Windows in the south facade are wide 12/8 double hung sash, with narrow molded surrounds and no shutters. The south facade, like the north, is dominated by a two-story portico; on the south, however, there is a full second-story balcony bounded by a railing of geometric X-shape pattern. In the outside bays, two double doors open onto the second story balcony.

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The gable-roof of the main block is covered with gray asbestos shingle. Two gable dormers pierce each of the north and south planes of the roof; the dormers are trimmed with returned molded cornices, and enclose 6/6 double hung sash windows. Double flush chimneys rise at each of the east and west gable ends; each pair of chimneys is joined by a brick apron at the ridge. Only the southeast chimney is functional; it serves the large fireplace in the living room. The other three chimneys were built only for symmetry in design, and probably reflect the original design of the pre-1893 house which stood on this site. There is a 6/6 window between the east chimneys at third level; at the corresponding location in the west gable end is a three-part Palladian-style window, now almost entirely hidden by tall evergreens. The six other windows which light the west gable end are 12/8. The building rests on a foundation of local ironbearing sandstone which encloses a full basement.

At its east gable end, the main block is connected, by means of a two-story frame lateral structure, to an older and lower gambrel-roof frame dwelling. The gambrel-roof structure is three bays by two, and twoand-one-half-stories high, with its ridge running at right angles to that of the main block. Entrance into this small gambrel-roof structure is through a six-panel door in the central bay of its three-bay main east facade. The wood siding of this section is now covered with white beaded aluminum siding. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with black aluminum shutters. There are two 6/6 second-story windows in the lower plane of the gambrel roof on the east front; they are nearly flush with the plane of the roof, and below them the roof continues at a shallow pitch to shelter a one-story porch which is supported by black iron trellis-style posts. A single tiny four-pane window high in the south gambrel end lights the attic level. There is a large exterior corbelled brick chimney centered at the north gambrel end; the bricks of the chimney are laid in 1:1 English bond, and there are lateral weatherings at second-story level. The roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle; and the structure rests on a foundation of local ironbearing stone which encloses a full basement. This gambrel-roof structure, once a separate dwelling, now serves as the kitchen wing of the large complex house.

The small gambrel-roof section is connected to the main block by a two-story frame side-gabled hyphen. Its roof ridge runs parallel and slightly north of that of the main block, slightly higher than that of the gambrel wing. The hyphen is three bays wide, sheathed with the same aluminum siding as the gambrel wing, and its gable roof is covered with the same gray asbestos shingle. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with black louvered aluminum shutters; in the first story on the south elevation, a bank of four 15-pane French doors opens onto the paved terrace. Unlike the other two sections of the house, the hyphen rests on a brick foundation; there is no basement.

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The north entrance of the main block leads into a wide transverse entry hall; on the left (east) a three-run open-string staircase rises along the south wall of the entry hall, turns 90° at a landing and rises along the north wall, then turns again to the west and rises to the second story. This staircase, as well as most of the interior trim, was installed in the 1940's. Centered in the south wall of the entry hall, a double door in an arched opening leads into the large living room which takes up the southern part of the main block. In the east wall of the living room is a large fireplace, served by the only functioning chimney; the fireplace has a fine wood mantel, in Colonial Revival style. There is a massive sandstone fireplace at this same location in the basement, and the brick floor at basement level is now covered with linoleum.

The gambrel wing consists of a spacious kitchen with a fireplace in its north wall. A narrow stair leads down into the cellar beneath the kitchen, from which can be observed the heavy stone foundation walls, the hewn sill beams joined by mortise and tenon, and the unusual slanted stone hearth support at the north chimney.

A short distance east of the entrance to the gambrel wing is a well; its walls are constructed of the same local ironbearing stone.

Approximately 250 feet north of the house is a very early gable-roof barn; it consists of an older central section to which have been added flanking shed-roof wings. In the large central space, massive hewn posts support a heavy hewn plate; stiles are joined to sill and plate by mortise and tenon, and rails are pegged to the posts from the exterior. In one location (in the southwest), the false plate can be observed, set at an angle into a notch in the joists. The wall in this location was once exterior, and is sheathed with riven horizontal boards attached to the stiles by means of wrought rosehead nails; the wall is now enclosed by the westerly shed-roof addition.

The side sheds give the barn an unusual profile, with the ridge of the original roof rising steeply above the shallower planes of the extensions. At the ridge, the rafters are lapped and pegged; the roof is covered with wooden shingles. The entire barn is now sided with a variety of board, mainly horizontal, but the main south gable front is sided with wide vertical boards. There are three wide openings in this south gable front. The heavy hewn sill beams of the original central section rest on a foundation of local ironbearing stone. The barn, now used for equipment storage, is in seriously deteriorating condition.

Just southeast of the barn, on the opposite side of the present farm lane, is a gable-roof ice-house, probably contemporary with the barn. Its foundation, of the same local stone, is built into a gentle slope. The

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hewn still beams are half-lapped at the corners, and the rafters are joined with mortise and tenon. The north and south gable ends are sided with wide vertical boards, sawn boards applied over earlier riven boards; there is a batten door centered in each gable end. The ice-house is in deteriorating condition.

Immediately north of the gambrel wing of the main house is a brick smokehouse. This outbuilding stands on a stone foundation, its pyramidal roof is covered with wood shingle, and it has a central entrance in its south elevation. The cornice is highlighted by a beaded board frieze with slightly concave profile, and the brick walls, like those of the main house, are painted white.

A short distance to the southeast is a one-story frame tenant house, which consists of a side-gabled main block with a shed-roof side addition. The main block has entrance and one window in its main west elevation, sheltered by a modern shed-roof porch which is supported by plain square posts. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the south gable end. At the north gable end is a low shed-roof addition lighted by a single 6/6 window in its west elevation, and sheathed with German siding. The roof of this small tenant house is covered with green roll asphalt.

Standing to the south of the entrance drive, to the west of all of the other buildings of this complex, is another small dwelling which probably incorporates some very old materials. Known as the "overseer's house", this dwelling has recently been renovated; it is sided with unpainted horizontal board and has a large brick chimney at its east gable end.

All of these buildings, together with a modern clubhouse, equipment shed, and swimming pool, form the nucleus of the Glenn Dale Golf and Country Club.

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Prospect Hill consists of an unusual collection of early farm buildings which survives in a park setting as part of a modern golf course. It includes a complex dwelling rebuilt in this century, and a brick smokehouse, as well as a very early tobacco barn, and roughly contemporary ice house: a surviving complex of buildings highly unusual for the northern part of Prince George's County.

Prospect Hill stands on a tract known as Hollyday's Choice, patented in 1688 to Thomas Hollyday. The property remained in the Hollyday family until 1772 when it was resurveyed for Benjamin and Mordecai Jacob. 1

In 1787, the property changed hands again. In September of that year, Gabriel Duvall purchased the 500-acre tract at Sheriff's sale, then in the following month sold approximately half of it to Nathan Soper. Soper acquired considerable acreage, totalling over 700 acres, and built a small frame dwelling on part of it, known as Riley's Neglect. This remained the Soper family home until the death of Nathan Soper in 1824. His will devised his dwelling plantation, which included 257 acres of Hollyday's Choice, to his wife Ruth and daughter Elizabeth, by then the wife of George W. Duvall. 4

Elizabeth Soper had married George Washington Duvall in 1820; they made their home at Hollyday's Choice (which they renamed Prospect Hill), probably in the small gambrel-roof frame dwelling which still stands as the present kitchen wing. Soon afterwards, the Duvalls began construction of a larger brick dwelling (the current main block) leaving the older frame dwelling a separate structure. The juxtaposition of the two buildings recalls similar sequential construction at Governor Robert Bowie's "Cedars" at Nottingham, and Thomas Lancaster Lansdale's dwellings at Hazelwood. The brick dwelling which now constitutes the main block has been rebuilt and is difficult to date, but the hand-hewn members in

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the substructure certainly place it in the early nineteenth century. There is evidence that its original structure resembled Melford, a brick dwelling of the side-hall-and-double-parlor plan. The tobacco barn and ice house at Prospect Hill exhibit structural details which are consistent with an early nineteenth century construction date.

George W. Duvall was active in Maryland politics. He represented Prince George's County in the State House of Delegates from 1828 to 1833; in 1834 he served on a State committee for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.6

George W. Duvall died June 9, 1856 at Prospect Hill at the age of 60. An obituary in The Planters' Advocate referred to his service in the State Legislature and his vocation as an agriculturalist. His will, which had been executed two years earlier, devised the Prospect Hill plantation to his youngest son, James Madison Duvall, with the understanding that he should provide homes for the testator's two unmarried daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, at Prospect Hill. His older son, also called George W. Duvall, was to receive another plantation, Belvidere, approximately three miles south of Prospect Hill.

By 1861, however, both James and Mary Duvall had died, and the estate was administered by their older brother, George W. Duvall, Jr. He applied to the Equity Court for division of the real estate, and the Court decreed that the property should be sold. $10\,$ C. C. Magruder and Samuel H. Berry were appointed trustees to sell the property; they did so April 23, 1861, and it was purchased by George W. Duvall, Jr. $11\,$ He made his home at Belvidere, the property which he had inherited from his father, and maintained Prospect Hill as the home of his elder sister, Elizabeth H. Duvall. $12\,$

At the outbreak of the Civil War, George W. Duvall, Jr. owned and cultivated a large amount of real estate; as was the case with many other landed planters of the County, he suffered economic reverses as a result of the War. By 1864, he had moved to Baltimore, and mortgaged Prospect Hill to Samuel Meakin for \$8,250; he defaulted on mortgage payments, and had to declare bankruptcy. Trustees were appointed, and in 1869 they sold the property to mortgagee Meakin. It remained in the Meakin family until 1905.13

In 1878, the widow of Samuel Meakin deeded 115 acres including the dwelling and principal farm buildings to her daugher, Sarah Taft; she continued to maintain her residence at Prospect Hill with her daughter's family. 14 It was probably during this period that the two dwelling components were connected by the construction of the side-gabled frame hyphen. By 1893 the Taft family had removed to Baltimore, and the house at Prospect Hill was occupied by W. E. Garrett, a farmer from South Dakota. In November of that year, the old brick house was seriously damaged by

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fire. "The large brick dwelling on Prospect Hill farm, near Springfield Station on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The property belonged to Mr. Fred Taft of Baltimore, but was occupied by Mr. W. E. Garrett, lately removed from South Dakota. The fire originated from a defective flue near the roof. Most the furniture was saved. "15" The brick shell of the house which survived the fire was made habitable, and Prospect Hill remained in Taft family ownership, as a tenant farm, until the death of Sarah Meakin in 1904. In the following year her children sold the 115-acre farm to William Abner Linthicum, an elderly retired farmer. 16 The house which Linthicum lived in, according to a recent descrip tion by his grandson, had a side-halland-double-parlor-plan main block; entrance in the westmost bay led into a wide stainhall, and the staircase rose along the west exterior wall. The gambrel-roof kitchen wing was connected to the dining room (northerly parlor) by means of a long, spacious farm kitchen in the hyphen. brick main block was at that time only two stories high, with chimneys on the east gable end only; there was a one-story porch on the south facade overlooking the valley of the Horsepen Branch.17

William Abner Linthicum (1828-1922) was born in Anne Arundel County, and in 1853 had married Elizabeth Mullikin of Prince George's County. During Lunthicum's long life, he had purchased and developed three large farm, two of which were in Prince George's County, before he purchased Prospect Hill; he engaged in agricultural practice uninterrupedly until his death in 1922. At the time of his death at age 94, he was noted as the oldest resident of the County. His will left his real estate to his two sons, his daughter-in-law, and his grandson and namesake; his heirs sold Prospect Hill late in 1922, and in 1937, it was sold to Major Terrill Brazelton. 19

The Brazeltons began a major renovation of the main block at Prospect Hill in 1939. At that time the brick walls were rebuilt, creating additional windows in the west gable end, and relocating the entrances in the center bays of the north and south facades. The walls were raised another half-story, with the addition of dormer windows, flush (non-functional) chimneys, and a Palladian-type window in the west gable end. On each of the main north and south facades, a two-story portico was erected, giving the building a new Neo-Classical appearance. A new stairhall was created in the northeast quadrant, and the entire south half of the main block was redesigned as a large living room. 20

The 115-acre farm was sold in 1955 to the Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, and since that time, the rolling grounds of the golf course have been developed around the principal buildings of the farm. The main dwelling has been renovated to house the family which operates the course. The old farm buildings, although in deteriorating condition, are still used for storage.

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Prospect Hill is a visible landmark in an attractive natural setting. The dwelling retains very little of its original fabric, but is an interesting example of sequential domestic construction. The tobacco barn and the ice house, however, are excellent and rare surviving examples of early nineteenth-century farm buildings.

Notes

- 1 Patent B:81; Prince George's County Court Records, August 1772.
- 2 Prince George's County Deeds HH:485, 553.
- 3 1789 Federal Direct Tax, Horsepen Hundred.
- 4 Prince George's County Will TT #1:353; Prince George's County marriage licenses.
- 5 See MHT form PG #74B-13, and HABS photos of "The Cedars", 1936.
- 6 Van Horn, R. Lee, <u>Out of the Past</u>, 1975; pp. 291, 294, 296, 310, 314, and 321.
- 7 The Planters' Advocate, 18 June 1856.
- 8 Prince George's County Will WAJ #1:37.
- 9 ibid; See MHT Form PG #73-5.
- 10 Prince George's County Equity #232.
- 11 ibid; Prince George's County Deed FS #1:575.
- 12 See PG #73-5; Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1860.
- 13 Prince George's County Deeds FS #2:20; HB #3:182; ATB #1:252, 253; and #24:445.
- 14 Prince George's County Deed ATB #1:253; census for Prince George's County, 1880.
- 15 Prince George's Enquirer, November 10, 1893.
- 16 Prince George's County Deed #24:445.
- 17 Telephone interview, 1989, with William A. Linthicum, Sr.

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¹⁸ Prince George's Enquirer, 9 June and 16 June 1922; Prince George's County Will GPH #2:455.

¹⁹ Prince George's County Deeds #191:185, #475:55.

²⁰ Telephone interview, 1989, with William A. Linthicum, Sr.; telephone interview, 1989, with roofer/contractor for N.W. Martin Bros., who did 1939/40 renovations at Prospect Hill.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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CHAIN OF TITLE Prospect Hill PG:70-25

4086:834 27 Dec 1971 Deed	Roy Shields to Ray Shields, Prospect Hill Golf Course, 126.88 acres
3580:594 3 April 1968 Deed	Shields Brothers Enterprise to Ray Shields and Roy Shields, Prospect Hill Golf Course
2498:377 19 Oct 1960 Deed	Payne-Oliver Concrete Co. to Ray Shields and Roy Shields, Prospect Hill, 115 acres + 10.09 acres
#B2510 28 Jan 1958 Equity	Foreclosure of mortgage, Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, Inc. to Payne-Oliver Concrete Co.
1992: 44 21 May 1956 Mtg	Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, Inc. to Payne-Oliver Concrete Co., Prospect Hill. 125.09 acres
1898:249 31 Aug 1955 Deed	Terrill Brazelton to Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, 115 acres (parcel 1) of Pros- pect Hill
1865:394 3 June 1955 Deed	William J. Durkin to Terrill Brazelton, 115 acres Prospect Hill (which Durkin acquired from Brazelton on same date)
1865:391 3 June 1955 Deed	Terrill Brazelton and Eleanor (ux) to William J. Durkin, 115 acres Prospect Hill which Brazeltons acquired from May H. Shoesmith
475:55 14 May 1937 Deed	May Haynes Shoesmith to Terrill Brazelton and Eleanor (ux), Prospect Hill, 115 acres
191:185 20 Nov 1922 Deed	Samuel and Otis Linthicum, executors of William Linthicum to May Haynes, 115 acres Prosbect Hill
24:445 25 July 1905 Deed	Alfred Samuel Taft et ux, et al; only children of Sarah J. Taft (who died 1 Sept 1904) to William H. Linthicum, 115 acres Prospect Hill
ATB#1:253 16 Nov 1878 Deed	Mary A. Meakin to Sarah J. Taft, daughter of Samuel Meakin, as per will of Samuel Meakin, part of Prospect Hill, 115 acres

ATB#1:252 16 Nov 1878 Deed Walter G. Smith, executor of Samuel Meakin, to Mary A. Meakin, part of Prospect Hill, 115 acres

HB#3:182 27 Oct 1869 Deed Peter W. Crain and Samuel B. Hance, assignees in bankruptcy of George W. Duvall to Samuel Meakin, tract known as Prospect Hill, 560 acres (containing Darnall's Grove, Holliday's Choice, Rileys Neglect and Jones' Lot)

FS#1:575 9 April 1868 Deed C.C. Magruder and Samuel H. Berry, trustees, appointed by Circuit Court, to George W. Duvall of George, Prospect Hill, 560 acres

WAJ#1:37 24 June 1856 Will George W. Duvall, testator: to son James M. Duvall, home estate, consisting of several tracts: Darnall's Grove, Holliday's Choice, Bowie's Purchase, Riley's Neglect, and Jones' Loss, 361 a. descended from his mother and grandmother . .

TT#1: 353 24 Mar 1824 Will Nathan Soper, testator: to wife Ruth and daughter Elizabeth, wife of George W. Duvall, dwelling plantation

HH:553 2 Oct 1787 Deed Gabriel Duvall to Nathan Soper, Hollyday's Choice, 257.5 acres

HH:485 12 Sept 1787 Deed Nicholas Blacklock, Sheriff, to Gabriel Duvall; sheriff instructed to sell land of Mordecai Jacob, Hollyday's Choice, 500 acres, because of judgment against Jacob

BB#2:355 4 Feb 1769 Deed Benjamin Mackall to Mordecai Jacob, land called Hollyday's Choice, 500 acres

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P.G. County Survey #70-25	Date ca. 1750, 1893
Building Name Prospect Hill	
Location Prospect Hill Road, Gle	enn Dale Golf Club, Glenn Dale, Md.
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In 1893, a fire destroyed much of the house, but it was rebuilt on the original foundations. It now serves as an attractive residence in the center of the Glenn Dale Golf Club grounds.

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The mansion and outbuildings are surrounded by the Glenn Dale Golf and swimming club grounds.

Footnotes for #8 Significance

- 1. Patent B:81
- 2. P.G. County Court, August Term 1772
- 3. P.G. Deed: HH:485
- 4. ibid HH:553
- 5. P.G. Will: TT#1:353
- 6. Newman, Mareen Duvall and the Middle Plantation
- 7. P.G. Enquirer, 10 November 1893

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prospect Hill stands on a tract known as Hollyday's Choice, patented on August 24, 1688, to Thomas Hollyday. The property remained in the Hollyday family until 1772, when it was resurveyed for Benjamin and Mordecai Jacob. The original house on the property was probably built somewhat before this.

In 1787, Gabriel Duvall was the highest bidder for this tract at a sheriff's sale for the execution of the will of Mordecai Jacob. Within a few days, Duvall sold the property to Nathan Soper and his wife, Ruth. Soper established his seat on Hollyday's Choice, and at his death willed the estate to his daughter, Elizabeth, wife of George Washington Duvall. The Duvalls gave their home the name Prospect Hill, and their names are most closely associated with the estate. Col. G.W. Duvall was commissioned in the county Militia, practiced law, and was a breeder of well known race horses. 6

Prospect Hill passed out of the Duvall family in 1869, through a bankruptcy sale. The house was occupied by a series of owners and tenants, and in 1893 was destroyed by fire during its ownership by the Taft family; it was rebuilt on the original foundations. 7

In 1960, the Shields brothers purchased the Prospect Hill property and established the Glenn Dale Golf Club. For a short time the house served as a club house, but is now an imposing and attractive residence.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PG Co. Wills: WAJ#1:37; TT#1:353

Deeds: HH:553; HB#3:182; FS#1:575; ATB#1:253

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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II FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ruth Lockard/Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

April 1980

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

TELEPHONE

DATE

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4811 Riverdale Road, CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Riverdale.

STREET & NUMBER

Md. 20840

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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A wing connects the house with the gambral-roofed, frame kitchen dependency which is, at least partially, original. The exposed second floor rafters have a narrow chamfer, and one 8/8 double hung sash has wide mullions. Like the main house, it has a stone foundation. On the north end, it has a large, external brick chimney rising two stories before tapering to a stack.

The house has a hallway running laterally across the front. The staircase rises along the partition wall, running from east to west, with three ballusters per tread. There is an arched double doorway leading to the main room behind.

The smoke house behind the main house has a hipped roof.
The cornice consists of a board with a narrow bead angled outward from the wall to the rafter ends. This building, too, has a stone foundation

A springhouse (partially collapsed) with framed gable ends and a frame barn stand north of the house.

The overseer's house, with a large stone chimney with brick stack, sits to the west of the house.

The barn is framed with posts half-lapped over the insides of the plates. Angle braces are half-dovetailed, half-lapped over the posts. Short studs (about 4') are mortised into stringers supported by the corner and principal posts. The original false plate, set into a notch in the joists, is exposed along an inside wall that was once the exterior wall of the original smaller structure; this wall is sheathed in riven clapboards. It is the oldest structure on the property, perhaps early eighteenth century.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY Form 10-445 | 1. STATE Md. INVENTORY COUNTY P.G. STREET NO. mile east intersect. Allen- Bellview Proper Hill town and Steed Rd. DATE OR PERIOD late 18th(?) ORIGINAL OWNER STYLE Maritine(?) Priv dwelling ORIGINAL USE ARCHITECT PRESENT OWNER BUILDER PRESENT USE clapboard 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE WALL CONSTRUCTION 1 2 NO. OF STORIES OPEN TO PUBLIC 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION Ivy-covered 3 chimneys, 2 on east Asphalt shingles Window frames appear orig. Needs pabnt Addition with metal roof on west side. Several outbuildings and family graveyard Very secluded Heavily posted, no trespassing No danger, appears to be working farm Owner doesn't look very interested (PG map #137) 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Exterior Clar # 844 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH 3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

DATE OF RECORD

CHAIN OF TITLE Prospect Hill PG: 70-25

4086:834 27 Dec 1971 Deed Roy Shields to Ray Shields, Prospect Hill Golf Course, 126.88 acres

3580:594 3 April 1968 Deed Shields Brothers Enterprise to Ray Shields and Roy Shields, Prospect Hill Golf Course

2498:377 19 Oct 1960 Deed Payne-Oliver Concrete Co. to Ray Shields and Roy Shields, Prospect Hill, 115 acres + 10.09 acres

#B2510 28 Jan 1958 Equity Foreclosure of mortgage, Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, Inc. to Payne-Oliver Concrete Co.

1992: 44 21 May 1956 Mtg Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, Inc. to Payne-Oliver Concrete Co., Prospect Hill. 125.09 acres

1898:249 31 Aug 1955 Deed Terrill Brazelton to Prospect Hill Golf and Country Club, 115 acres (parcel 1) of Prospect Hill

1865:394 3 June 1955 Deed William J. Durkin to Terrill Brazelton, 115 acres Prospect Hill (which Durkin acquired from Brazelton on same date)

1865:391 3 June 1955 Deed Terrill Brazelton and Eleanor (ux) to William J. Durkin, 115 acres Prospect Hill which Brazeltons acquired from May H. Shoesmith

475:55 14 May 1937 Deed

May Haynes Shoesmith to Terrill Brazelton and Eleanor (ux), Prospect Hill, 115 acres

191:185 20 Nov 1922 Deed Samuel and Otis Linthicum, executors of William Linthicum to May Haynes, 115 acres Prosbect Hill

24:445 25 July 1905 Deed

Alfred Samuel Taft et ux, et al; ohly children of Sarah J. Taft (who died 1 Sept 1904) to William H. Linthicum, 115 acres Prospect Hill

ATB#1:253 16 Nov 1878 Deed Mary A. Meakin to Sarah J. Taft, daughter of Samuel Meakin, as per will of Samuel Meakin, part of Prospect Hill, 115 acres

ATB#1:252 16 Nov 1878 Deed Walter G. Smith, executor of Samuel Meakin, to Mary A. Meakin, part of Prospect Hill, 115 acres

HB#3:182 27 Oct 1869 Deed

Peter W. Crain and Samuel B. Hance, assignees in bankruptcy of George W. Duvall to Samuel Meakin, tract known as Prospect Hill, 560 acres (containing Darnall's Grove, Holliday's Choice, Rileys Neglect and Jones' Lot)

FS#1:575 9 April 1868 Deed C.C. Magruder and Samuel H. Berry, trustees, appointed by Circuit Court, to George W. Duvall of George, Prospect Hill, 560 acres

WAJ#1:37 24 June 1856 Will George W. Duvall, testator: to son James M. Duvall, home estate, consisting of several tracts: Darnall's Grove, Holliday's Choice, Bowie's Purchase, Riley's Neglect, and Jones' Loss, 361 a. descended from his mother and grandmother . .

TT#1: 353 24 Mar 1824 Will Nathan Soper, testator: to wife Ruth and daughter Elizabeth, wife of George W. Duvall, dwelling plantation

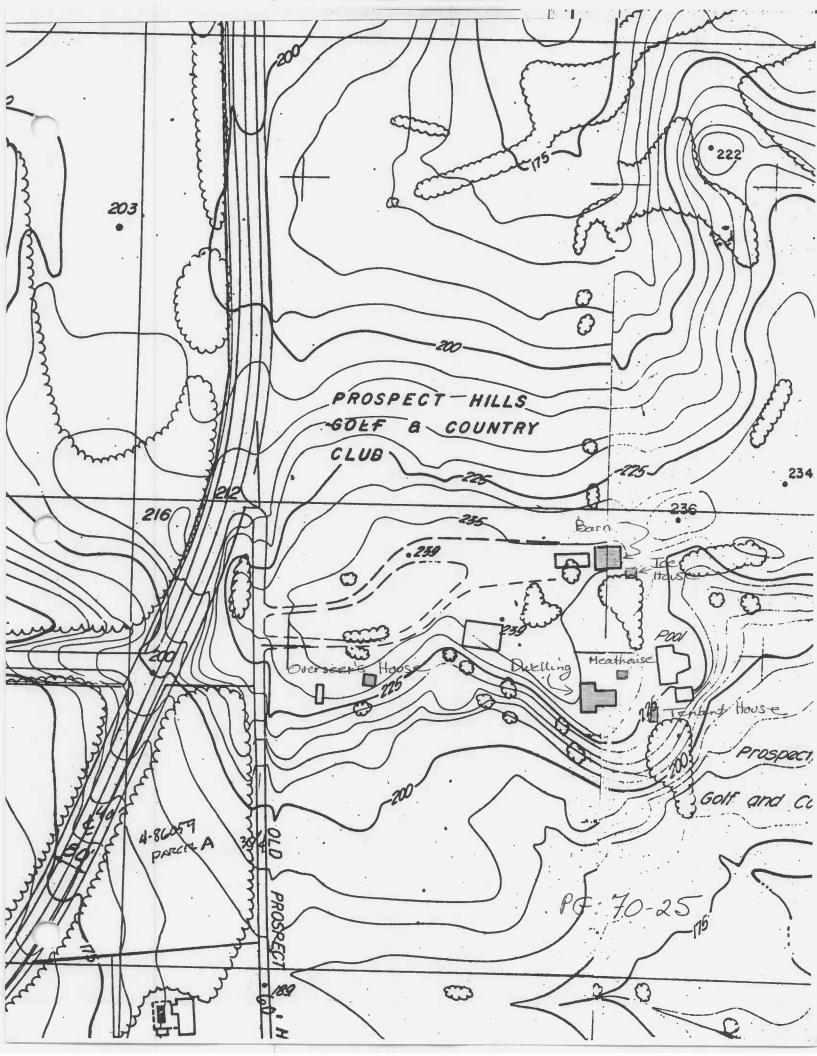
HH:553 2 Oct 1787 Deed Gabriel Duvall to Nathan Soper, Hollyday's Choice, 257.5 acres

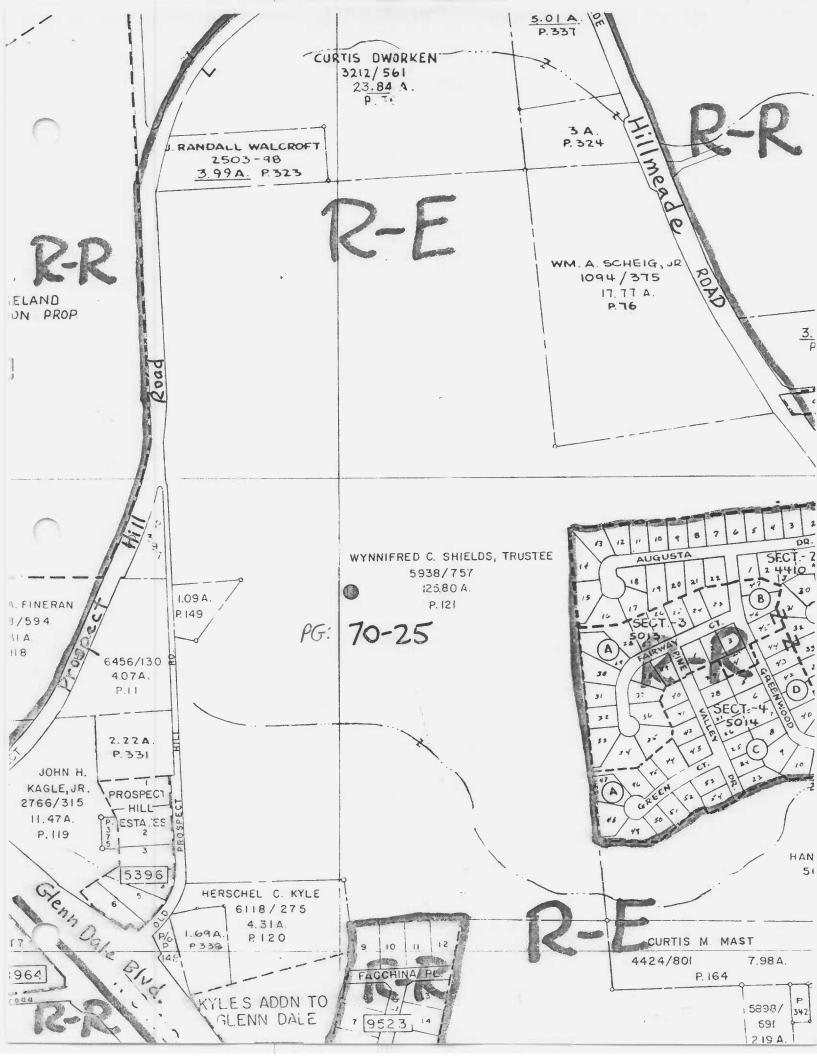
HH:485 12 Sept 1787 Deed Nicholas Blacklock, Sheriff, to Gabriel Duvall; sheriff instructed to sell land of Mordecai Jacob, Hollyday's Choice, 500 acres, because of judgment against Jacob

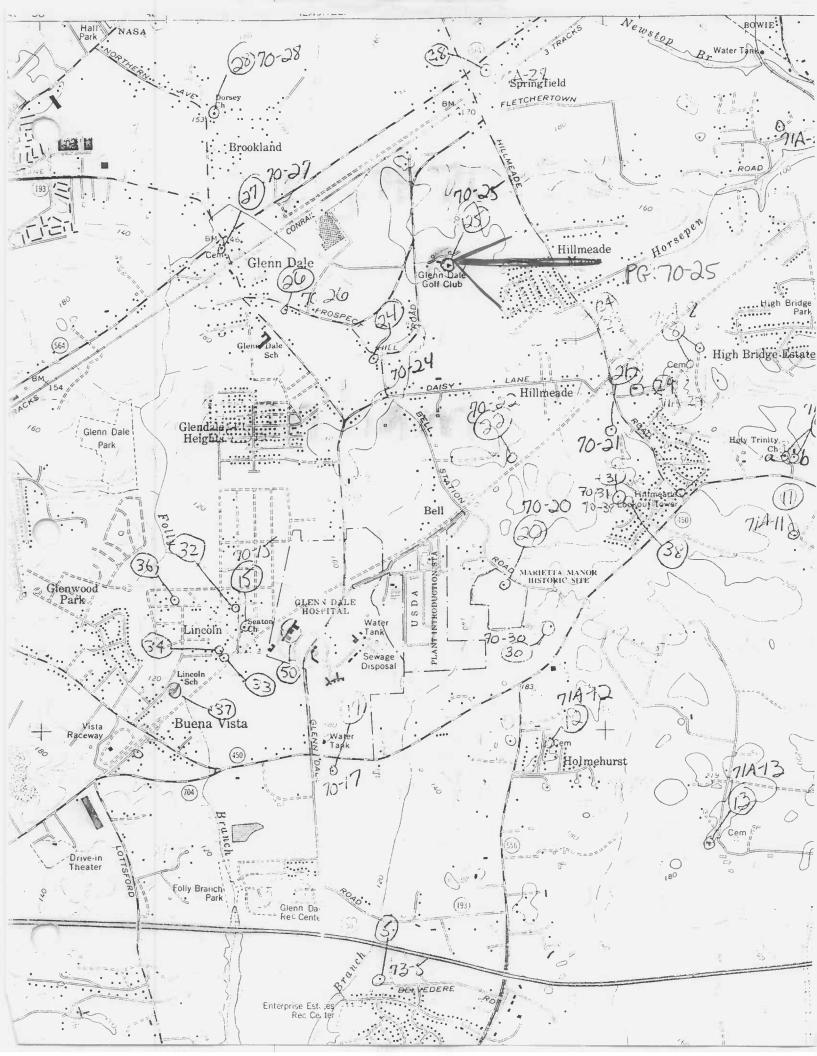
BB#2:355 4 Feb 1769 Deed Benjamin Mackall to Mordecai Jacob, land called Hollyday's Choice, 500 acres



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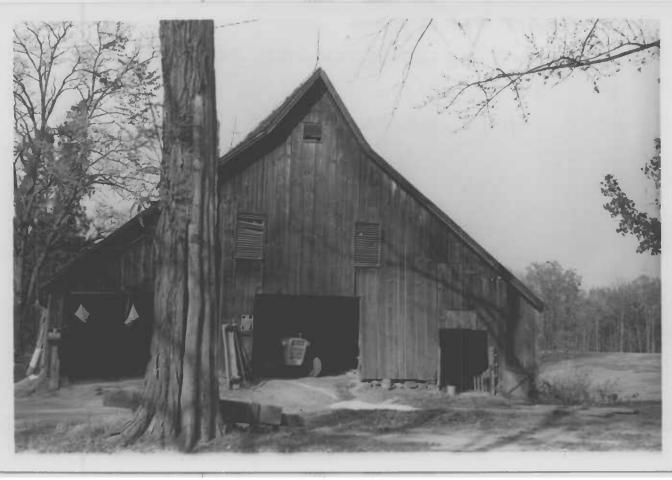
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NAME PROSPECT HILL - BARN

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